

Hosting Performance Contest – September 2020 Roundup (15 Hosts Tested: Fast But Worse Uptime)



Here's the 56th Monthly [Hosting Performance Contest](#) Roundup for September 2020! I've been testing 15 hosts in a non-stop manner the whole month and I'll show you the results below. The interesting observation is that the hosts are still blazing fast on the whole, but some of the fastest hosts have surprisingly not great uptime.

By the way, you can find the latest roundups [here](#) and the performance tables and charts [here](#).

All monitored hosts are presented in the pricing categories according to the most affordable plan they have. Also, I bought the most affordable plans available at each hosting company to test hosting performance.

Let's see how the hosts performed in September 2020!

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Common Information

As you may already know, I've been monitoring the performance of some of the best hosting providers I know as well as some other well-known hosts.

In short, since 2013 I've been picking out great hosts judging by real users reviews, professional hosting community opinion, long honorable business experience and other factors which make a great hosting.

And I buy anonymously hosting accounts with different hosts in order to *closely monitor their performance* (basically, **uptime** checked *every minute* and **full page load time** checked *every 20 minutes*) using a professional monitoring service *monitis.com*. I buy **the most basic and the cheapest plan** of each hosting. You can read about my **monitoring methodology** [here](#).

And I'm happy to share these statistics with you so that you could see how these hosts perform and who is **the best from the best!**

You can find some **real-time performance charts** on my [recommended hosts page](#) for the hosting which I've been recommending and monitoring.

Also, you can see **real-time monitoring charts** for *all* hosts that I am monitoring on [this page](#). In addition, the page contains monthly **historical data** on hosting performance (*speed, uptime, satisfactory apdex*) – very interesting and useful.

Besides, you may read more information about this **Hosting Performance Contest** on [this page](#). I will be adding monthly and yearly Contest results on the page too.

And **other monthly Hosting Performance Contest roundups** are available from [here](#).

By the way, here's a disclosure: There are some affiliate links on this page. In other words, I get paid if you click on the links and make a purchase. All such links open in new window/tab; no software/program will be installed to your computer. (This is a standard notice required by hosting companies.)

Please note that although all hosts mentioned in this post are well-established and considered to be very good, I highly recommend not all of them. My recommended hosts are [here](#).

September 2020 Hosting Performance Contest – Results

Here are the fifteen hosts that you can compare this month. I've broken down them in three groups: very affordable (below \$5/mo), middle class (upto \$8/mo) and more expensive (\$8+/mo).

- [SiteGround](#) (I recommend it, here's my [review](#))
 - [GeekStorage](#) (I recommend it, here's my [review](#))
 - [A2Hosting](#) (I recommend it, here's my [review](#))
 - [VeeroTech](#) (I recommend it, here's my [review](#))
 - [MDDHosting](#) (I recommend it, here's my [review](#))
 - [HawkHost](#) (I recommend it, here's my [review](#))
 - [Squidix](#) (I recommend it, here's my [review](#))
 - [InMotionHosting](#)
 - [StableHost](#)
 - [HostWinds](#)
 - [HostPapa](#)
 - [MochaHost](#)
 - [Eleven2](#)
 - [GreenGeeks](#)
- [GlowHost](#)



You'll see a breakdown of hosting performance by prices in the sections below.

Let's start from an overview of the hosting performance in the order of how the hosts performed in general *regardless* of how affordable or expensive the hosts are.

The **winner of this month's contest is [HawkHost](#)!**

In the Top-3 also go [A2Hosting](#) and [MochaHost](#).

What's remarkable about the winners this month is that two top guys including the winner in from the most affordable category whereas the other top performer is from the most expensive category.

[HawkHost](#) took the 1st place. Its *full page load time* was **0.66** seconds. The host was ultra fast. And its *uptime* was **100%**. The host had simply perfect uptime, very much above the highest standards set for the greatest hosts (99.9%). My site was available all the time during this month. As regards *Satisfactory Apdex*, it was **100%**. It means that all the time the full page load time of my website hosted with this host was less than 2.5 seconds. The host had simply perfect Satisfactory Apdex, very much above the highest benchmark. The host surpassed the benchmark tests and thanks to the best speed [HawkHost](#) got the gold this month!

The silver medalist is **[A2Hosting](#)**.

[A2 Hosting](#) took the 2nd place. Its *full page load time* was **0.72** seconds. The host had ultra great speed. And its *uptime* was **100%**. The host had simply perfect uptime, very much above the highest standards set for the greatest hosts (99.9%). My site was available all the time during this month. As regards *Satisfactory Apdex*, it was **100%**. It means that all the time the full page load

time of my website hosted with this host was less than 2.5 seconds. The host had simply perfect Satisfactory Apdex, very much above the highest benchmark. And since this hosting was the second fastest host among the hosts which exceeded all the benchmarks determined for the greatest hosts [A2Hosting](#) wins the silver medal.

The bronze medal goes to [MochaHost](#).

[MochaHost](#) took the 3rd place. Its *full page load time* was **0.73** seconds. The host had ultra great speed. And its *uptime* was **99.98%**. The host had ultra super mega great uptime, much above the highest standards set for the greatest hosts (99.9%). My site was not available this month for just **8.64** minutes. As regards *Satisfactory Apdex*, it was **100%**. It means that all the time the full page load time of my website hosted with this host was less than 2.5 seconds. The host had simply perfect Satisfactory Apdex, very much above the highest benchmark. Since all these parameters are above the benchmarks specified for the greatest hosting performance and this hosting was the third fastest host among the hosts which exceeded all the benchmarks determined for the greatest hosts [MochaHost](#) wins the bronze medal.

[StableHost](#) took the 4th place. Its *full page load time* was **0.77** seconds. The host had the kind of speed that just very few hosts can have. And its *uptime* was **100%**. The host had simply perfect uptime, very much above the highest standards set for the greatest hosts (99.9%). My site was available all the time during this month. As regards *Satisfactory Apdex*, it was **99.9%**. It means that 99.9% of the time the full page load time of my website hosted with this host was less than 2.5 seconds. The host had ultra super mega great Satisfactory Apdex, very much above the highest benchmark.

[SiteGround](#) took the 5th place. Its *full page load time* was **0.78** seconds. The host was unbelievably fast. And its *uptime* was **99.99%**. The host had almost perfect uptime, very much above the highest standards set for the greatest hosts (99.9%). My site was not available this month for just **4.32** minutes. As regards *Satisfactory Apdex*, it was **99.95%**. It means that 99.95% of the time the full page load time of my website hosted with this host was less than 2.5 seconds. The host had almost perfect Satisfactory Apdex, very much above the highest benchmark.

[MDD Hosting](#) took the 6th place. Its *full page load time* was **0.89** seconds. The host was brilliantly fast. And its *uptime* was **99.99%**. The host had almost perfect uptime, very much above the highest standards set for the greatest hosts (99.9%). My site was not available this month for just **4.32** minutes. As regards *Satisfactory Apdex*, it was **100%**. It means that all the time the full page load time of my website hosted with this host was less than 2.5 seconds. The host had simply perfect Satisfactory Apdex, very much above the highest benchmark.

[HostWinds](#) took the 7th place. Its *full page load time* was **1.23** seconds. The host had impressively good speed. And its *uptime* was **99.99%**. The host had almost perfect uptime, very much above the highest standards set for the greatest hosts (99.9%). My site was not available this month for just **4.32** minutes. As regards *Satisfactory Apdex*, it was **100%**. It means that all the time the full page load time of my website hosted with this host was less than 2.5 seconds. The host had simply perfect Satisfactory Apdex, very much above the highest benchmark.

Other hosts could not meet at least one of the benchmarks set for the best hosting. However, the results of some hosts were very close to the benchmarks and pretty good in general.

[HostPapa](#) took the 8th place. Its *full page load time* was **0.43** seconds. The host was ultra super mega fast. And its *uptime* was **99.81%**. The host had quite good uptime, but below the highest standards set for the greatest hosts (99.9%). My site was not available this month for **1.37** hours.

As regards *Satisfactory Apdex*, it was **99.86%**. It means that 99.86% of the time the full page load time of my website hosted with this host was less than 2.5 seconds. The host had ultra super mega great Satisfactory Apdex, very much above the highest benchmark.

VeeroTech took the **9th place**. Its *full page load time* was **0.64** seconds. The host had ultra mega great speed. And its *uptime* was **99.76%**. The host had relatively not so superb uptime, below the highest standards set for the greatest hosts (99.9%). My site was not available this month for **1.73** hours. As regards *Satisfactory Apdex*, it was **99.86%**. It means that 99.86% of the time the full page load time of my website hosted with this host was less than 2.5 seconds. The host had ultra super mega great Satisfactory Apdex, very much above the highest benchmark.

GreenGeeks took the **10th place**. Its *full page load time* was **0.66** seconds. The host was ultra fast. And its *uptime* was **99.47%**. The host had not really okay uptime, which is quite below the highest standards set for the greatest hosts (99.9%). My site was not available this month for **3.82** hours. As regards *Satisfactory Apdex*, it was **100%**. It means that all the time the full page load time of my website hosted with this host was less than 2.5 seconds. The host had simply perfect Satisfactory Apdex, very much above the highest benchmark.

GeekStorage took the **11th place**. Its *full page load time* was **0.74** seconds. The host was as fast as how just very few hosts can be. And its *uptime* was **99.76%**. The host had relatively not so superb uptime, below the highest standards set for the greatest hosts (99.9%). My site was not available this month for **1.73** hours. As regards *Satisfactory Apdex*, it was **99.72%**. It means that 99.72% of the time the full page load time of my website hosted with this host was less than 2.5 seconds. The host had ultra mega great Satisfactory Apdex, much above the highest benchmark.

Eleven2 took the **12th place**. Its *full page load time* was **0.88** seconds. The host was brilliantly fast. And its *uptime* was **99%**. The host had bad uptime, very much below the highest standards set for the greatest hosts (99.9%). My site was not available this month for **7.2** hours. As regards *Satisfactory Apdex*, it was **99.39%**. It means that 99.39% of the time the full page load time of my website hosted with this host was less than 2.5 seconds. The host had super good Satisfactory Apdex, above the highest benchmark.

Squidix took the **13th place**. Its *full page load time* was **1.07** seconds. The host was really fast. And its *uptime* was **99.86%**. The host had admittedly good uptime, but a bit below the highest standards set for the greatest hosts (99.9%). My site was not available this month for **1.01** hours. As regards *Satisfactory Apdex*, it was **99.49%**. It means that 99.49% of the time the full page load time of my website hosted with this host was less than 2.5 seconds. The host had superb Satisfactory Apdex, above the highest benchmark.

InMotionHosting took the **14th place**. Its *full page load time* was **1.62** seconds. The host had recognizably good speed. And its *uptime* was **99.97%**. The host had ultra mega great uptime, much above the highest standards set for the greatest hosts (99.9%). My site was not available this month for just **12.96** minutes. As regards *Satisfactory Apdex*, it was **83.68%**. It means that 83.68% of the time the full page load time of my website hosted with this host was less than 2.5 seconds. The host had generally okay Satisfactory Apdex in general, but below the highest benchmark.

GlowHost took the **15th place**. Its *full page load time* was **3.01** seconds. The host slow. And its *uptime* was **99.85%**. The host had recognizably good uptime, but a bit below the highest standards set for the greatest hosts (99.9%). My site was not available this month for **1.08** hours. As regards *Satisfactory Apdex*, it was **0.04%**. It means that 0.04% of the time the full page load

time of my website hosted with this host was less than 2.5 seconds. The host had awful Satisfactory Apdex, very much below the highest benchmark.

Generally, the competition of the monitored hosts this month was pretty tight as usual, especially among the top half of the hosts.

By the way, keep in mind, that for this Contest I pick out the hosts which are considered to be good, great and superb. These hosts are established businesses for many years and some of them are widely recommended in the Internet. So, the idea of this Contest is to determine the best performing hosts from a technical point of view, giving you objective information for making your own decision regarding hosts.

Let's see now the results in tables and charts for more convenience, more information and more insight.

Here's a table view to compare the Hosting Performance Contest results in September 2020:

Host	Place	Load Time	Uptime	Superb Uptime	Apdex-S	Superb Apdex-S
HawkHost	1 (Winner!)	0.66 sec	100.00%	✓	100.00%	✓
A2Hosting	2 (Silver medal)	0.72 sec	100.00%	✓	100.00%	✓
MochaHost	3 (Bronze medal)	0.73 sec	99.98%	✓	100.00%	✓
StableHost	4	0.77 sec	100.00%	✓	99.90%	✓
SiteGround	5	0.78 sec	99.99%	✓	99.95%	✓
MDDHosting	6	0.89 sec	99.99%	✓	100.00%	✓
HostWinds	7	1.23 sec	99.99%	✓	100.00%	✓
HostPapa	8	0.43 sec	99.81%	✗	99.86%	✓
VeeroTech	9	0.64 sec	99.76%	✗	99.86%	✓
GreenGeeks	10	0.66 sec	99.47%	✗	100.00%	✓
GeekStorage	11	0.74 sec	99.76%	✗	99.72%	✓
Eleven2	12	0.88 sec	99.00%	✗	99.39%	✓
Squidix	13	1.07 sec	99.86%	✗	99.49%	✓
InMotionHosting	14	1.62 sec	99.97%	✓	83.68%	✗
GlowHost	15	3.01 sec	99.85%	✗	0.04%	✗

Table column notes:

Place: The place a hosting has won in this Contest (*the less the better*).

Load Time: Average Full Page Load Time (*the less the better*). Checked every 20 minutes.

Uptime: Uptime (*the more the better*). Checked every minute.

Superb Uptime: If Uptime Benchmark (99.9%) passed (*YES is very good*).

Apdex-S: Satisfactory Apdex, i.e. how often a test website on a tested hosting was loading faster than 2.5 sec (*the more the Apdex-S the better*). Checked every 20 minutes.

Superb Apdex-S: If Satisfactory Apdex benchmark (99%) passed (*YES is very good*).

Color areas: *Green* is superb and above the highest standards. The *greener*, the better. *Yellow* is good, but below the highest standards. *Orange* is not very good; worse than yellow. *Red* is comparatively the worst.

Note: The hosts with failed at least one benchmark go below the hosts with passed benchmarks in the rankings.

Here's a table with hosting prices:

Host	1 year	2 years	3 years	Min price	Worthy	My review
HawkHost	\$3.99/mo	\$2.99/mo	-	\$2.24/mo	Yes	Read
A2Hosting	\$8.99/mo	\$8.99/mo	\$8.99/mo	\$2.99/mo	Yes	Read
MochaHost	\$4.46/mo	\$4.46/mo	\$1.75/mo	\$1.78/mo	-	-
StableHost	\$4.50/mo	\$4.00/mo	\$3.50/mo	\$1.75/mo	-	-
SiteGround	\$14.99/mo	\$14.99/mo	\$14.99/mo	\$6.99/mo	Yes	Read
MDDHosting	\$5.00/mo	\$4.50/mo	\$4.00/mo	\$4.00/mo	Yes	Read
HostWinds	\$6.99/mo	\$5.99/mo	\$4.49/mo	\$2.35/mo	-	-
HostPapa	\$9.99/mo	\$8.99/mo	\$7.99/mo	\$3.95/mo	-	-
VeeroTech	\$2.66/mo	\$2.51/mo	-	\$2.51/mo	Yes	Read
GreenGeeks	\$9.95/mo	\$9.95/mo	\$9.95/mo	\$2.95/mo	-	-
GeekStorage	\$3.20/mo	\$3.20/mo	\$3.20/mo	\$3.20/mo	Yes	Read
Eleven2	\$5.06/mo	\$4.46/mo	\$3.57/mo	\$3.57/mo	-	-
Squidix	\$6.95/mo	\$6.45/mo	\$5.95/mo	\$2.95/mo	Yes	Read
InMotionHosting	\$8.99/mo	\$6.99/mo	-	\$6.99/mo	Under review	-
GlowHost	\$6.95/mo	\$4.95/mo	-	\$3.47/mo	-	-

1 year: Regular prices (after the first invoice) for 1-year plan.

2 years: Regular prices (after the first invoice) for 2-year plan.

3 years: Regular prices (after the first invoice) for 3-year plan.

Min Price: The minimum price officially available for the first invoice (can be for 1-year, 2-year or 3-year plan).

Limited-time offers with more discounts are not included in these prices. Check out if there are special offers currently available by visiting the hosting websites.

Worthy: This column contains my recommended hosts. (*Under review* label means that the host performs well or/and has a good potential in winning prizes in the Contest, but I want to have more proved records of its technical and support performance.)

Here's a table with places within pricing categories:

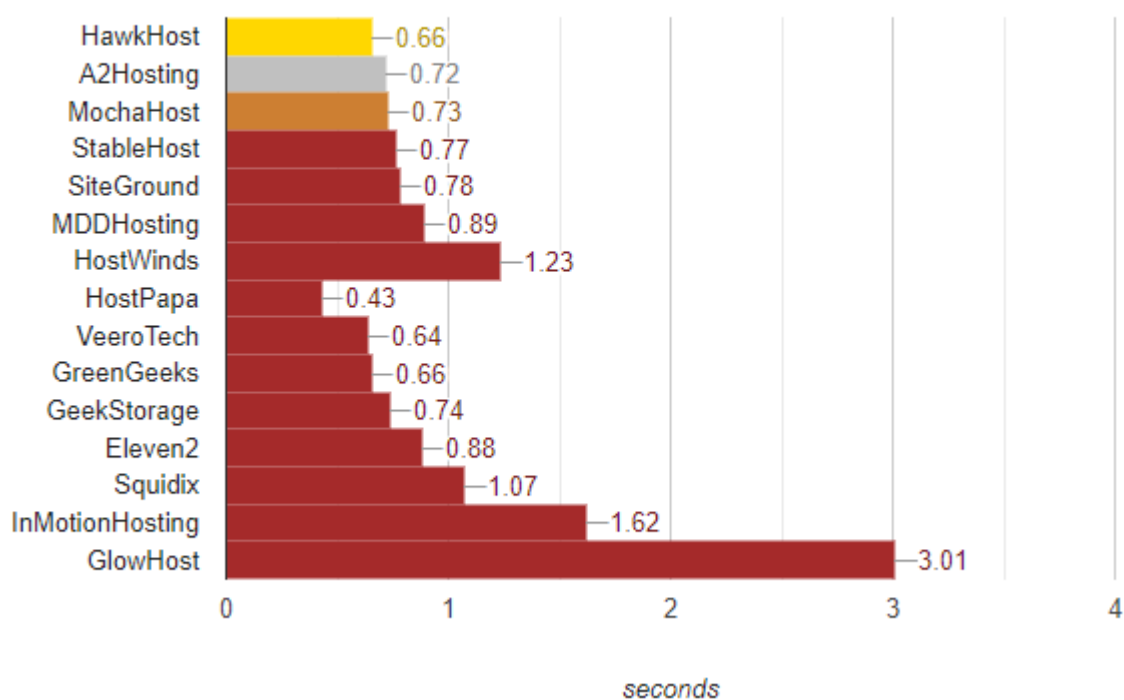
Host	Regular price 1 year	General place	Place (\$0-5/mo)	Place (\$5.01-8/mo)	Place (\$8+/mo)
HawkHost	\$3.99/mo	1 (Winner!)	1	-	-
A2Hosting	\$8.99/mo	2 (Silver medal)	-	-	1
MochaHost	\$4.46/mo	3 (Bronze medal)	2	-	-
StableHost	\$4.50/mo	4	3	-	-
SiteGround	\$14.99/mo	5	-	-	2
MDDHosting	\$5.00/mo	6	4	-	-
HostWinds	\$6.99/mo	7	-	1	-
HostPapa	\$9.99/mo	8	-	-	3
VeeroTech	\$5.36/mo	9	-	2	-
GreenGeeks	\$9.95/mo	10	-	-	4
GeekStorage	\$3.20/mo	11	5	-	-
Eleven2	\$5.06/mo	12	-	3	-
Squidix	\$6.95/mo	13	-	4	-
InMotionHosting	\$8.99/mo	14	-	-	5
GlowHost	\$6.95/mo	15	-	5	-

Since it's not always correct to compare hosts from different price categories together, I've broken down the monitored hosts into three categories to compete within as you can see above in the table.

The prices presented in this table are regular prices (i.e. applied *after* the first invoice). Note that prices for the first invoice (1-,2- or 3-year plan) are usually less (see them in the previous table). And special promo prices are not included (check them out on the hosting websites).

And here are the charts with the Hosting Performance Contest results in September 2020:

Average Full Page Load Time, seconds (the less the better). Checked every 20 minutes.

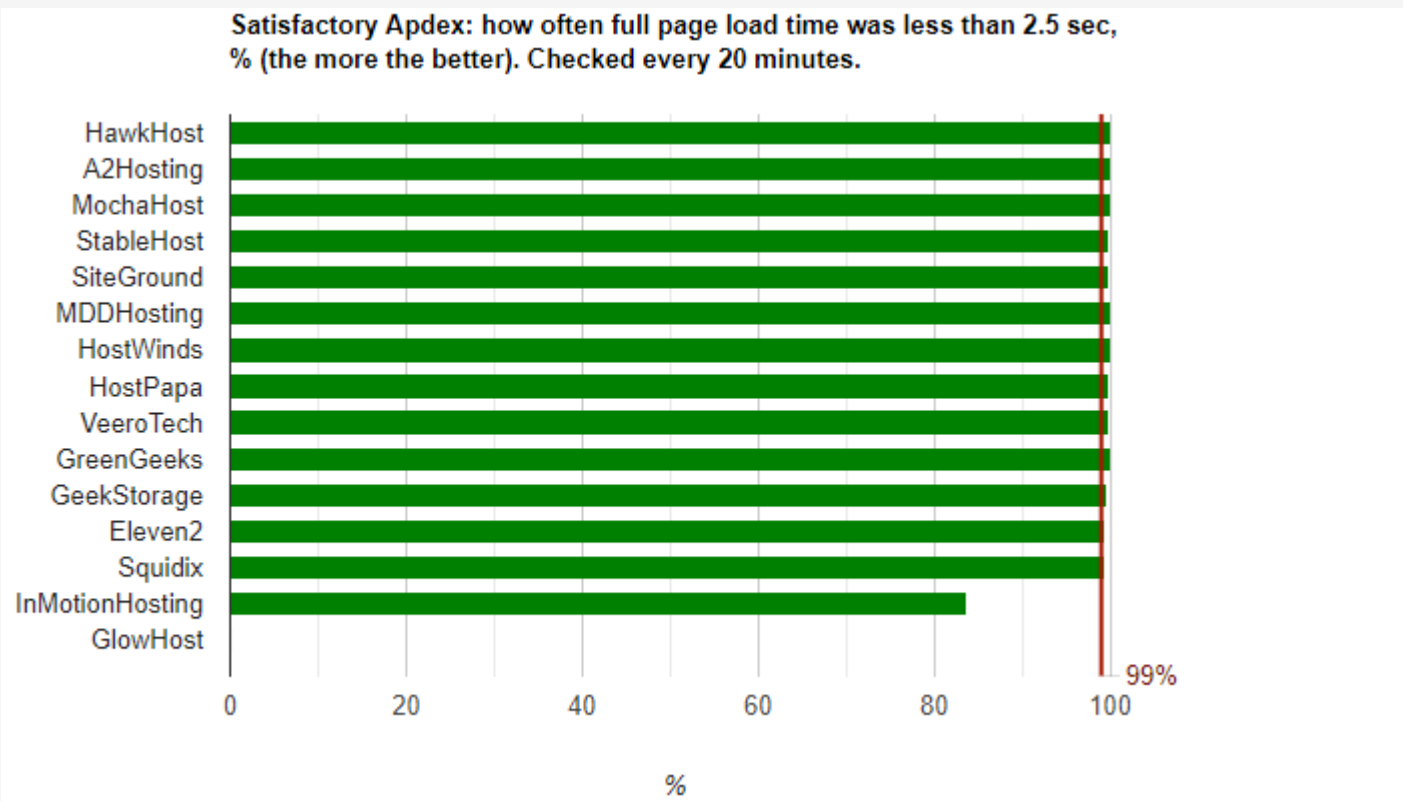
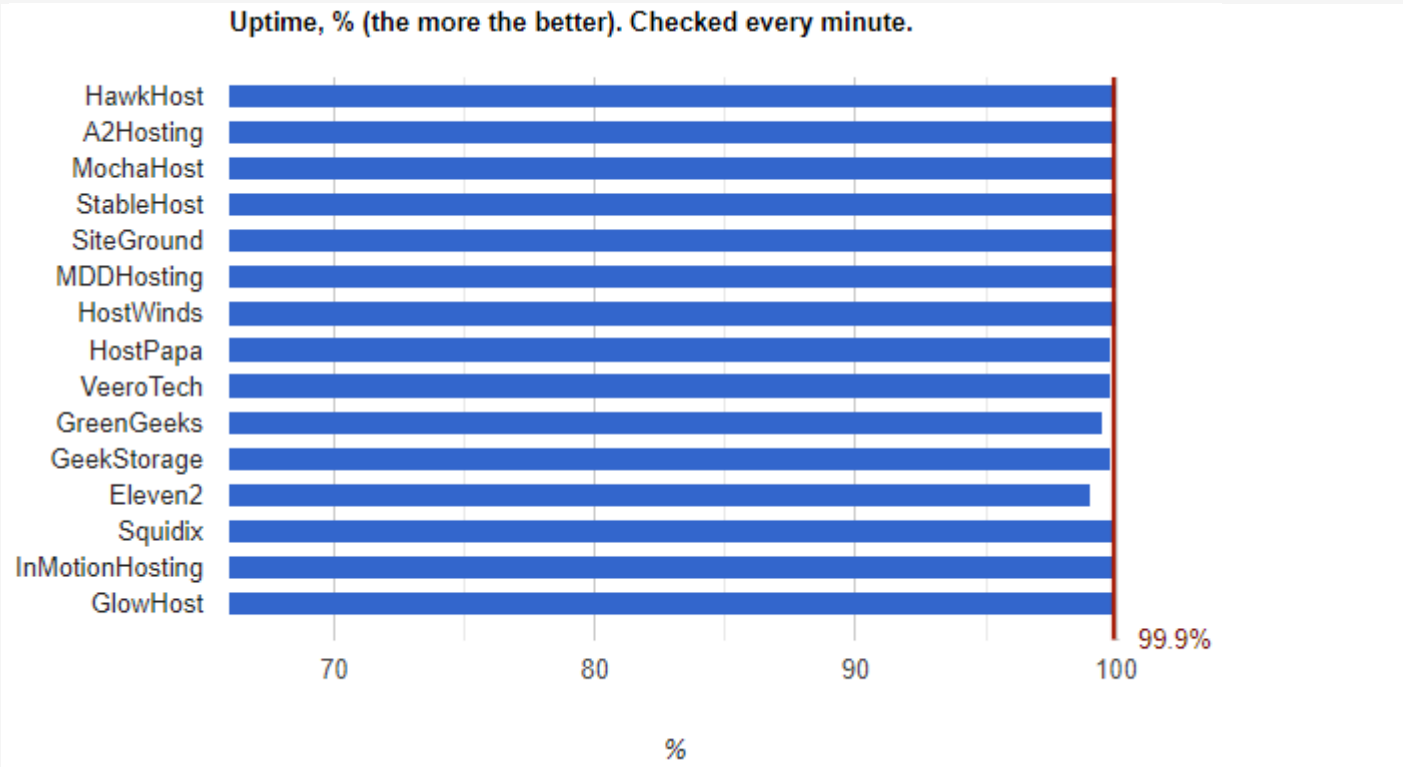


1. The **golden** medalist: [HawkHost](#) (it's in my [list](#) of the recommended hosts; see [my review](#)).
2. The **silver** medalist: [A2Hosting](#) (it's in my [list](#) of the recommended hosts; see [my review](#)).
3. The **bronze** medalist: [A2Hosting](#) (it's in my [list](#) of the recommended hosts; see [my review](#)).

By the way, if you want to make your website faster, I suggest looking at [this long read](#) which contains a lot of practical tips (upper-intermediate level). This is the tutorial prepared by [Kinsta](#) one of the fully managed WordPress hosting which I recommend.

Also, [here](#) you can read the analysis of other fully managed WP hosts which I recommend. Kinsta is the option that I recommend for hosting and managing a big number of WP sites (read my [short notes here](#)).

Besides, [here's the collection](#) of my own articles which will help you make your website faster.



September 2020 Hosting Performance Contest Results – Notes

I use monitis.com services for uptime and full page load monitoring. The monitoring is performed

from two locations in order to decrease chances of false alerts and make monitoring results more objective. You can read more about my methodology of monitoring [here](#).

Here are the monthly monitoring reports screenshots:

Uptime Monitors

Monitoring Location: All

September, 2020

Monitor Name	Type	Uptime(%) ¹	Average Response Time (ms) ²	Times Failed from All Locations(#) ³
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site1 (StableHost)	http	100	293.02	0
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site10 (InMotionHosting)	http	99.97	1148.43	10
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site11 (SiteGround)	http	99.99	259.52	1
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site12 (MochaHost)	http	99.98	392.61	5
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site13 (HostPapa)	http	99.81	140.68	81
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site14 (HostWinds)	http	99.99	622.2	4
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site15 (GreenGeeks)	http	99.47	303.41	226
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site16 (MDDHosting)	http	99.99	357.34	2
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site2 (HawkHost)	http	100	72.08	0
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site3 (VeeroTech)	http	99.76	319.38	101
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site4 (GlowHost)	http	99.85	1645.83	63
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site6 (Eleven2)	http	99	397.44	430
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site7 (GeekStorage)	http	99.76	314.21	101
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site8 (Squidix)	http	99.86	300.7	59
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site9 (A2Hosting)	http	100	322.16	0

¹ Uptime (%) - If at least one location has returned OK, the All Locations result for the check is assigned OK status. Uptime (%) for a given time interval is calculated as the number of OKs divided over the number of checks.

² Average Response Time (ms) - For each check that has returned OK as the All Locations result, the smallest response time among all locations is determined. Average Response Time for a given time interval is calculated as average of the smallest response times across checks.

³ Times Failed from All Locations (#) - For a given interval the number of times failure was returned by all locations during the check.

These monitor checks are performed with 1-minute interval, which makes it great for detecting website uptime and downtime.

So, we need **Uptime** values from this table for finding the winner of our Contest.

By the way, downtime is detected if *server response time (time-to-first-byte)* is more than 10 seconds.

Other values (just for information):

– **Response time** is not that important for this Contest, because I've got a better indicator monitored, which is Full page load time (see below).

– **Number of failures** may be interesting to look at, but this is just an additional information to Uptime, which is more important for the overall hosting evaluation.

Eight hosts on the screenshot have not passed the *uptime* benchmark test (99.9%) for the greatest hosting. The other hosts I'm monitoring were up more than **99.9%** in this month. The websites on the uptime-failed hosting were not available for more than 43.2 minutes in total this month.

Full Page Load Monitors

Monitoring Location: All

September, 2020

Monitor Name	Avg Test Duration(sec)	Uptime(%)	Failures(#)	Apdex - (S/T/F)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site1 (StableHost)	0.77	100	0	0.99 - (99.9/0/0.09/0)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site2 (HawkHost)	0.66	100	0	1 - (100/0/0)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site3 (VeeroTech)	0.64	99.86	3	0.99 - (99.86/0/0.13)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site4 (GlowHost)	3.01	99.9	2	0.49 - (0.04/99.86/0.09)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site6 (Eleven2)	0.88	99.44	12	0.99 - (99.39/0.04/0.55)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site7 (GeekStorage)	0.74	99.72	6	0.99 - (99.72/0/0.27)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site8 (Squidix)	1.07	99.95	1	0.99 - (99.49/0.41/0.09)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site9 (A2Hosting)	0.72	100	0	1 - (100/0/0)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site10 (InMotionHosting)	1.62	100	0	0.91 - (83.68/16.31/0)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site11 (SiteGround)	0.78	99.95	1	0.99 - (99.95/0/0.04)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site12 (MochaHost)	0.73	100	0	1 - (100/0/0)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site13 (HostPapa)	0.43	99.86	3	0.99 - (99.86/0/0.13)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site14 (HostWinds)	1.23	100	0	1 - (100/0/0)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site15 (GreenGeeks)	0.66	99.39	13	1 - (100/0/0)
ResearchAsaHobby.com tests: Site16 (MDDHosting)	0.89	100	0	1 - (100/0/0)

These tests are performed with 20-minute interval from two locations. It makes it a perfect real-user performance monitor. This monitor's activity is equal to 144 unique visitors per day (about 4,320 unique visitors per month).

Avg Test Duration is the **Full page load time**, which is very clear and important factor for the Hosting Performance Contest.

We don't need *Uptime* from this table because we have got a better (more precise) *Uptime* indicator from the previous table.

Also, we don't need *Failures* from this table, because it's less precise than the same indicator from the previous table.

But we will need *Apdex*, particularly its *S (Satisfactory)* part. This shows how much time (in %) the website loaded *faster than 2.5 seconds*.

Why I do not always recommend the winners (sort of disclaimer)

First of all, this Contest displays no more than just results of speed and uptime performance for the month in question. And only using the cheapest plan. And only using a pretty simple WP installation. And using no caching plugins, including the ones developed specifically by a host (e.g. SiteGround's case). And this Contest results does not consider anything else, e.g. it does not review technical support, tools, features, overall clients' satisfaction etc.

As you can see the Contest is pretty limited to be the ultimate tool to evaluate a host. The contest is about speed and uptime performance during a month and that's it, no more, no less. As you can see, the average speed difference presented in the Contest is sometimes almost none (less than a tenth of a second). So the first prize sounds cool, but in fact the difference with other places is often too little. The Contest is a great tool to see how each hosting's performance evolves though!

The hosts that I recommend considering all the possible nuances are on [this page](#).

Conclusion

The best hosts which have demonstrated the best performance in September 2020 are the medalists: [HawkHost](#), [A2Hosting](#) and [MochaHost](#).

By the way, all the top winners have passed the strict benchmarks determined for great hosting!

As regards the winners in different pricing categories, here they are:

The best hosts in the higher pricing category (\$8+/mo) in this month go in the following order: [A2Hosting](#), [SiteGround](#) and [HostPapa](#)

The best three hosts in the middle pricing category (\$5.01-8/mo) in this month are [HostWinds](#), [VeeroTech](#) and [Eleven2](#).

The best three hosts in the most affordable pricing category (up to \$5/mo) in this month are [HawkHost](#), [MochaHost](#) and [StableHost](#).

Please note, that I'm using the cheapest plans available on each of the monitored hosts.

It is noticeable as usual that some of the less expensive hosts outperformed the hosts from more expensive categories.

And the **hero** of the Contest this month is [HawkHost](#). This is the hosting was not only the ultimate winner, but also the fastest among the hosts with perfect both Uptime and Satisfactory Apdex! Jackpot!

P.S.: Speed, uptime and performance apdex are important metrics, but they are not everything that determine the best hosting for clients. See my **recommended hosts** and my reviews of the hosts [here](#).

You can see **real-time performance charts** of the hosts I monitor as well as **historical data since 2016** on the hosting performance on [this page](#).

Hosting Performance Contest methodology is [here](#).

Other monthly roundups of this Hosting Performance Contest are available [here](#).

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I hope you enjoyed the article!

You can read my free researches on resources and tools for bloggers and small business owners on this website.

By the way, if we haven't met before - my name is Michael Bely.

If you have any questions, visit my website and ask any questions in the comments or privately via the Contact Form. Don't be shy!

Do you know that...

[More expensive hosts do NOT always mean better hosts?](#)

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- [Non-stop hosting monitoring reports](#)
- [One best security plugin or combination of plugins?](#)
- [Protect your website from hacking step-by-step – easy, free and very effective](#)
- [How to migrate WordPress website to HTTPS the right way for free](#)
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